



The Herald Faith Lutheran

August, 2019

August Events

**Summer Youth Program's Last Day
August 16**

**WELCA SWT Synod Convention
August 23-25
Courtyard Marriott, Pflugerville**



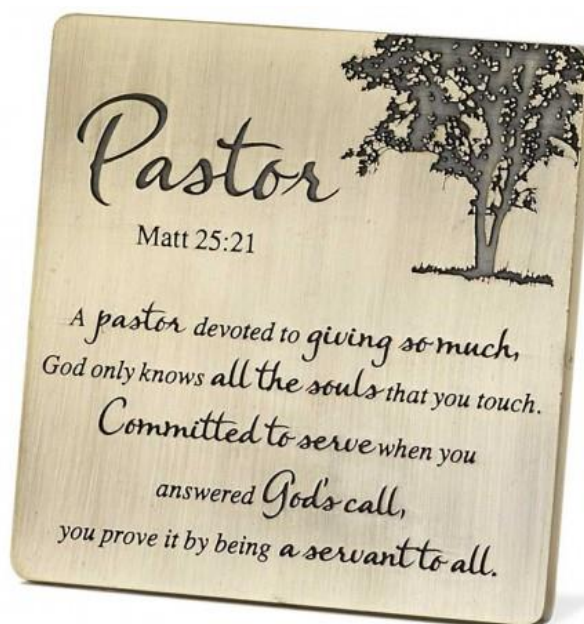
**Pastor Goodson's Final Worship Service at Faith
August 25, 10 a.m.
Followed by Luncheon Honoring Pastor Gary & Maxine
Activity Center, 11:30 a.m.**



From Pastor Gary

All first-call pastors were automatically put on the call list after three years. At least that is what I was told. My name was submitted to two congregations in the Southern District of The American Lutheran Church during my third year in the parish. It was our option whether to entertain the opportunities or turn them down. We decided to see what might happen. On our way to the first interview, I read this text to Maxine: Mark 1:35-39. In this story, Jesus, after having made a big splash in his first ministry opportunity in a town called Capernaum, went out early the next morning to pray. Of course the townspeople were gathering early so they could hear from this new famous preacher. The disciples went out looking for Jesus; when they found him, they told him the people of the town were waiting for him. Jesus said, "Let us go somewhere else, to the nearby villages, so I can preach there also. That is why I came out."

Being a pastor often means moving from place to place. I used to sit for hours listening to Emory Muehlbrad's stories from his youth, moving from place to place with his father, serving different people in different places. While there are many pastors who have stayed in one place, many spend a career moving from town to town, preaching the gospel, visiting the sick. As Maxine and I were going to this interview, we began to wonder what God might have in store; do I need to move, is that why I came out. As it turned out, we stayed in La Vernia for eight years, only leaving when I was called to the Army Chaplaincy. After nine years in the Army, we were called to Holy Cross in Yoakum; after Yoakum there was another call to the Army Chaplaincy; after three years came the call here to Faith. Now there is a new call, to retirement, yes, but also to a new kind of service. Maybe it will be transition work, maybe it will be a call to volunteer somewhere. Whatever the call is, Maxine and I will not stay far from the church. Yes, it is time to move on, to a new call, to new service. For that is why we came out.





**Please Join Us For
Pastor Gary and Maxine's Farewell Sunday!**

Pastor Gary will be retiring from ministry on August 31, 2019.
His final service with us will be **Sunday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m.**
with a luncheon following in the Activity Center.

Join us as we worship and celebrate together and give thanks for
the seven years of service Pastor Gary has given to Faith Lutheran Church,
as well as 37 years serving our Lord through Word and Sacrament.

The worship service will feature guests, including the Rev. Dr. Judith Spindt,
Assistant to Bishop Sue Briner, as well as other clergy, colleagues, and friends.
Pastor Gary will deliver the message and there will be special music
from a variety of people and groups.

Your presence will help make this a meaningful tribute
to Pastor Gary and Maxine's time with us.

Lunch will include brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans, bread,
and celebration cake provided by the church.

We would also like to ask you to **bring your favorite
Lutheran potluck dish to share!**

Thank you and we hope to see you August 25!



Worship & Music



Both adult and youth handbell groups are on summer break.

If you have an interest in ringing with these groups or want to know more about ringing, contact:
Karen McGuire
 512-585-4558 or
mckarenk@yahoo.com.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$ 14,778	\$ 19,882	-\$ 5,104
Feb.	\$ 17,680	\$ 19,750	-\$ 2,070
Mar.	\$ 19,141	\$ 21,187	-\$ 2,046
Apr.	\$ 18,771	\$ 19,731	-\$ 960
May	\$ 16,222	\$ 20,189	-\$ 3,967
June	\$ 18,488	\$ 19,728	-\$ 1,240
YTD	\$105,081	\$120,468	-\$ 15,387



Members Serving in Worship August, 2019

All Sundays in August

Head Usher: Dan Raemsch
Greeter: Therese Doss
Tellers: Lee Roy Itz, Don Kuempel
Altar Guild Saturdays: Kim Kieke, Karen Noyes
Altar Guild Sundays: Anne Kuempel, Dorothy Mogonye

August 4—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Kim Kieke
Lay Reader: Cathy Zwernemann
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

August 11—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Kim Kieke
Lay Reader: Karen McGuire
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

August 18—Praise Worship—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Praise Team
Lay Reader: Praise Team
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

August 25—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Carol Roberts
Lay Reader: Ben Noyes III
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 26	63
June 2	61
June 9	63
June 16	68
June 23	96
June 30	71
July 7	63
July 14	83
July 21	66

Retirement & Nursing Center on Burnet Lane

On June 6, eleven residents and staff plus six members of Faith worshiped together in services conducted by Pastor Gary.
 On July 11, fourteen residents and staff plus five members of Faith worshiped together, again led by Pastor Gary.
 The next service will be held on August 1, at 10:30 a.m.
 All are welcome!





Worship and Music Committee needs your help in taking on tasks that Pastor Gary has been handling, along with other tasks:

- 1) Set up and take down the GoPro camera that records Sunday worship services. If you are concerned about not being in church every Sunday, ask a friend to back you up.
- 2) Edit the GoPro recording, then post it to the church website. Again, ask a friend to be your backup.
- 3) Adjust the sound system to help maintain quality sound in the sanctuary as needed.

If you commit to 1, 2, or 3 before July 28, Pastor Gary will teach you and your friend to set up and take down, edit, and post the GoPro. **You will both gain valuable skills and will be Pros**, plus you will have the advantage of Pastor Gary's expertise thru August 25.

Commit after July 28, and you will be trained by a committee member and **you will NOT be a Pro**, nor will you have the advantage of Pastor Gary's expertise.

Other tasks W&M needs assistance with:

- 4) Maintain the availability of supplies in the sacristy, such as batteries for microphones and water bottles. Also maintain order and neatness in the sacristy, which is used by pastors, interim pastors, guest pastors, assisting ministers, the Oriental Mission Church, and others who are preparing to lead worship services at Faith Lutheran Church. Instruction will be provided by a committee member.
- 5) Serve as backup to the Power Point operator when necessary (operate the slides that guide us through worship, as well as occasional set up). Instruction will be provided by a committee member.





Happy Tuesday

Happy Tuesday will meet in the Activity Center on August 13, at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Gary and Maxine will be providing the food. If you would like to attend but are not a regular Happy Tuesday participant, please let Pastor Gary, Maxine, or the office know, so enough food may be prepared.



Council Highlights from May 28, 2019:

- Faith's WiFi network has been upgraded and expanded to allow internet access through the entire campus.
- A committee has been formed to plan for Pastor Gary's retirement send-off on August 25.
- Council will discuss the pastoral transition and call process at the council retreat on June 29.
- The youth of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City will use our gym overnight on July 13. We will welcome them with a potluck lunch after worship on July 14.

Council Highlights from June 29, 2019:

- Reviewed plans for luncheon on July 14, to welcome youth from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
- Reviewed plans for worship and luncheon on August 25, honoring Pastor Gary and Maxine.
- Window shades in the activity center have been repaired, at a cost of approximately \$1,000.
- The kitchen oven has a gas leak; since parts are no longer available, the property committee will investigate replacement options.



LWR School Kits

Faith Members, it's not too early to start thinking about gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits for next year. Some school supply ads are already appearing. The school kit collection box is in the narthex along with lists of school supplies needed for the kits, which are: 70-page spiral notebooks, 12 or 24 count crayons, scissors (blunt), 1-1/2 inch erasers, pencil sharpeners, #2 pencils, and blue or black ink ballpoint pens (**no gel**). Your help with this project which the women of the church annually participate in is very much appreciated.

Cookies for Trinity Care Nursing Home

Forty-one (41) dozen cookies (some home-baked, some store bought) were gathered by Faith's members and delivered on Thursday, July 17, to the Trinity Care Nursing Home in Round Rock to the delight of the residents who eagerly anticipate the arrival of those cookies. Faith has already received a beautiful note from Trinity Care expressing their thanks for Faith Lutheran's gift of the cookies. And, the women of the church wish to express their thanks to all the Faith members who so willingly helped with this annual project--we couldn't do it without you!

KoffeeKlatch, August 16

Ladies, you are all invited to the sewing group's annual KoffeeKlatch to be held in the sewing room (206) on Friday, August 16, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. This gathering is to bring together ideas and thoughts for new and different projects for all of you and our sewing group to work on for Faith's upcoming November bazaar. Refreshments will be served and we look forward to this time of sharing information for things to make. Hope to see you there sometime between 9 a.m. and noon!

2019 Annual Convention of the SWTX Synod Women of the ELCA August 23-25, at the Marriott Courtyard in Pflugerville

Time is fast approaching for the convention to be held the weekend of Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25, so if you haven't already sent in your registration, it's time to do so. Registration forms and information are in the narthex. The early bird deadline has already passed, but there is still time to get your registrations sent in. The Workshop Committee from Faith has diligently worked to help schedule 8 different workshops--one to be presented by Wanda Muehlbrad on Fostering Children; other workshops include Tai Chi, A Journey of Your Quilts (LWR quilts), Resolving Family Conflicts, and the History of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Pflugerville. It's not often we have the opportunity to go to a WELCA convention so nearby, so here is your chance!

Upcoming WELCA Calendar Events

September 12 (Thursday) -- Coordinating Board Meeting @ 9:30 a.m., in the Resource Center
September 14 (Saturday) -- Brunch w/Bible Study/Unit Meeting for all women of Faith Lutheran; hosted by Lydia & Rebecca Circles @ 9 a.m., in the Activity Center

Faith Lutheran Women's Bible Studies

Ladies, if you aren't a member of either the Lydia or Rebecca Circle, we would love to have you join us for a monthly Bible Study with a short meeting afterwards to keep circle members updated on the status of ongoing projects. Following are dates, times, and places for the circles:

Lydia Circle with Ree Nurnberger as chair meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the Resource Center (Jan & Feb @ 4 p.m.; Mar-Oct @ 5 p.m.; Nov TBA).

Rebecca Circle with Charleen Schneider as chair meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Resource Center @ 9:30 a.m.



Preparing for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 8

Food Bags for the Homeless – From **now** through **September 1**, your help is needed in collecting specific items to create bags of food for our homeless neighbors. Then, after worship on September 8 (God's Work Our Hands Sunday), we will assemble these items into zip-top bags that YOU can distribute individually to folks on the street.

The process for collecting these items will be slightly different than last year, so please see the food item list and instructions at the back of the church. Our goal is to create 80 bags (5 more than in 2018). THANK YOU!!

Cooperative Ministry with Ascension Lutheran

Medical Equipment Closet – Just a reminder that if you need medical equipment such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, canes, etc., OR if you have any medical equipment you are no longer using, contact Ascension Lutheran (512-345-4030). You can also talk with a member of Faith's Nuts and Bolts group (Mike Davidson, Dennis Diedrick, Kent Saathoff, Steve Zwernemann). They check in monthly with Ascension and help repair equipment when needed.

The children served by Upbring need YOU!

It is once again time for **Upbring's Golf Tournament** benefiting [New Life Children's Center](#), [Foster In Texas](#), and [BeREAL](#) on September 16. This event won't be a success without **YOUR** participation. You don't have to be a golfer to make a difference for the children. Every day, more than 130 abused and neglected kids served by Upbring in Central Texas have a loving place to call home thanks to **YOUR** generous support. Faith Lutheran will sponsor a golf team again this year. White and green Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit envelopes are in the narthex which you can just drop off in the church office, in the offering plate, or give to one of the golfers. See Lynn or Mike Davidson if you have any questions!!

Thank you FORE the children!



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

June-July, 2019

Child Development Center

Lee & Margaret Schuenemann

In Memory of Victor Walther

Child Development Center Playground Fund

Gil & Marianne Garcia

In Memory of Darrel Joe Wright

Pastor Gary & Maxine Goodson

In Memory of Victor Walther

Emergency Reserve Fund

Bertha Emshoff

In Honor of Chad & Peyton Creech's Baptism

Bertha Emshoff & Family

In Memory of Norma Lee Klaus

Edward Hanzelka

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Hayek

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Stacy, Jimmy, & Houston Heger

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Gladys Hill

In Memory of Victor Walther

Pat Meiske

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Mike Moehle

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Ben & Karen Noyes

In Honor of Edgar & Viola Kunze's

70th Wedding Anniversary

Ben & Karen Noyes

In Memory of Ernest Spradling

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Mike & Lynn Davidson

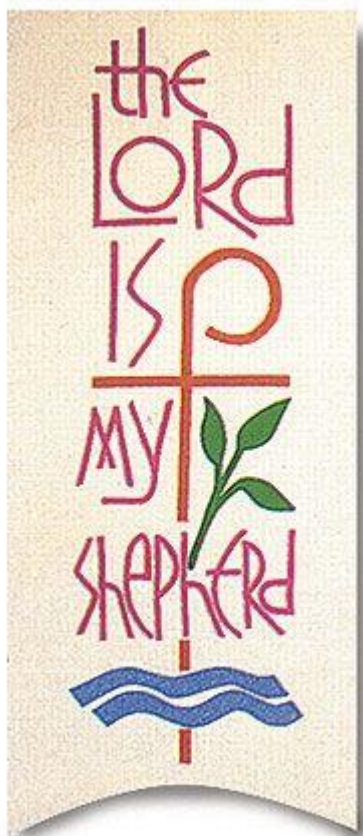
In Honor of Lee Roy Itz's 93rd Birthday

Youth Fund

Anna Bell Zwernemann

In Memory of Norma Lee Klaus





Member Updates

Baptisms:

Chad & Peyton Creech were received through the waters of Holy Baptism on June 23, with Pastor Goodson officiating.

Transfers In:

Phil & Lea Radford were received as Faith members on July 7. They transferred membership from Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, FL.

Death:

Ernest Spradling died July 18. His funeral was conducted by Pastor Goodson on July 21, with burial following in Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville.

Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival

Benefiting Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp

Saturday, September 21
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fredericksburg Marktplatz



Cross Trails Ministry

Fun for the whole family, including:

Chili Cook-off
Quilt Auction and Maze
Live Music
Craft Fair
Kid's Train
Campfire Grill
Bounce Houses
Carnival Games
Gift Card Wheel
Raffle Drawing at 3 p.m.

Contact: www.CrossTrails.org or (830) 257-6340

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Faith is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Worship & Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study (all ages) 11:15 a.m.

3rd Sunday Praise Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Day of Prayer

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer

Pastor: Gary Goodson

Organist/Choir Director: Sam Bauer

Director of Handbells: Karen McGuire

Accountant: Lynn Davidson

Administrative Assistant: Karen Noyes

CDC Director: Melissa McCoy

Sexton: Norbert Gardner

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**We at Faith Lutheran Church believe in Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior of all life and creation.**

In response to His grace and love toward us,

we are called to share His love by reaching out to all people.

We are called to be a worshipping, caring, learning community.

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